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1. USG SHARES U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL'S CONCERN OVER HUMAN-
ITARIAN ASPECTS OF ANGOLAN SITUATION AND THE PLIGHT OF THOSE
PERSONS DISLOCATED AS A RESULT OF THE HOSTILITIES. WE FULLY
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APPRECIATE THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF ARMED CONFLICT IMPOSES

SEVERE LIMITATIONS ON ANY EFFORT TO MOUNT RELIEF OPERATIONS. ICRC HAS BEEN ABLE, HOWEVER, TO ORGANIZE SOME RELIEF EFFORT IN ANGOLA. IT WOULD SEEM TO US THAT IT WOULD BE MORE THAN APPROPRIATE AND AS A MINIMUM FOR THE UNHCR TO AUGMENT THE ICRC EFFORTS. AS HE HAS DONE IN THE PAST, E.G. CYPRUS, THE SECRETARY GENERAL COULD REQUEST THE UNHCR TO USE HIS "GOOD OFFICES" TO SEE THAT A PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO THESE REFUGEES IS DEVELOPED PROMPTLY.

2. U.S. MISSION AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY SHOULD ASK ICRC AS SUGGESTED IN CAPETOWN 0149 TO DETERMINE WHAT ICRC IS DOING, IF ANYTHING, TO ASSIST REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA. WITH PROSPECT OF AN ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL 90,000 REFUGEES FLEEING SOUTH, URGENCY OF SITUATION IS APPROACHING EMERGENCY PROPORTIONS. U.S. MISSION IN MAKING THIS APPROACH SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY SECOND PARA OF STATE 027343.

3. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS MOST RECENT INFORMATION USUN SHOULD CONTACT OFFICE OF SECRETARY GENERAL TO DETERMINE IF CRITICAL NATURE OF PROBLEM DOES NOT NOW MORE THAN JUSTIFY AUGMENTATION OF ICRC'S EFFORTS. KISSINGER

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